



Level 3

# Have You Ever Climbed a Tree?

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I love trees.

I love eating their fruits and smelling their flowers. And most of all, I love climbing them.  
I want to climb every different kind of tree in the world.



I want to climb a jackfruit tree.  
It has a thick trunk for a good footing, and strong, sturdy branches to hold my weight.  
But I will need to watch out for falling fruit!

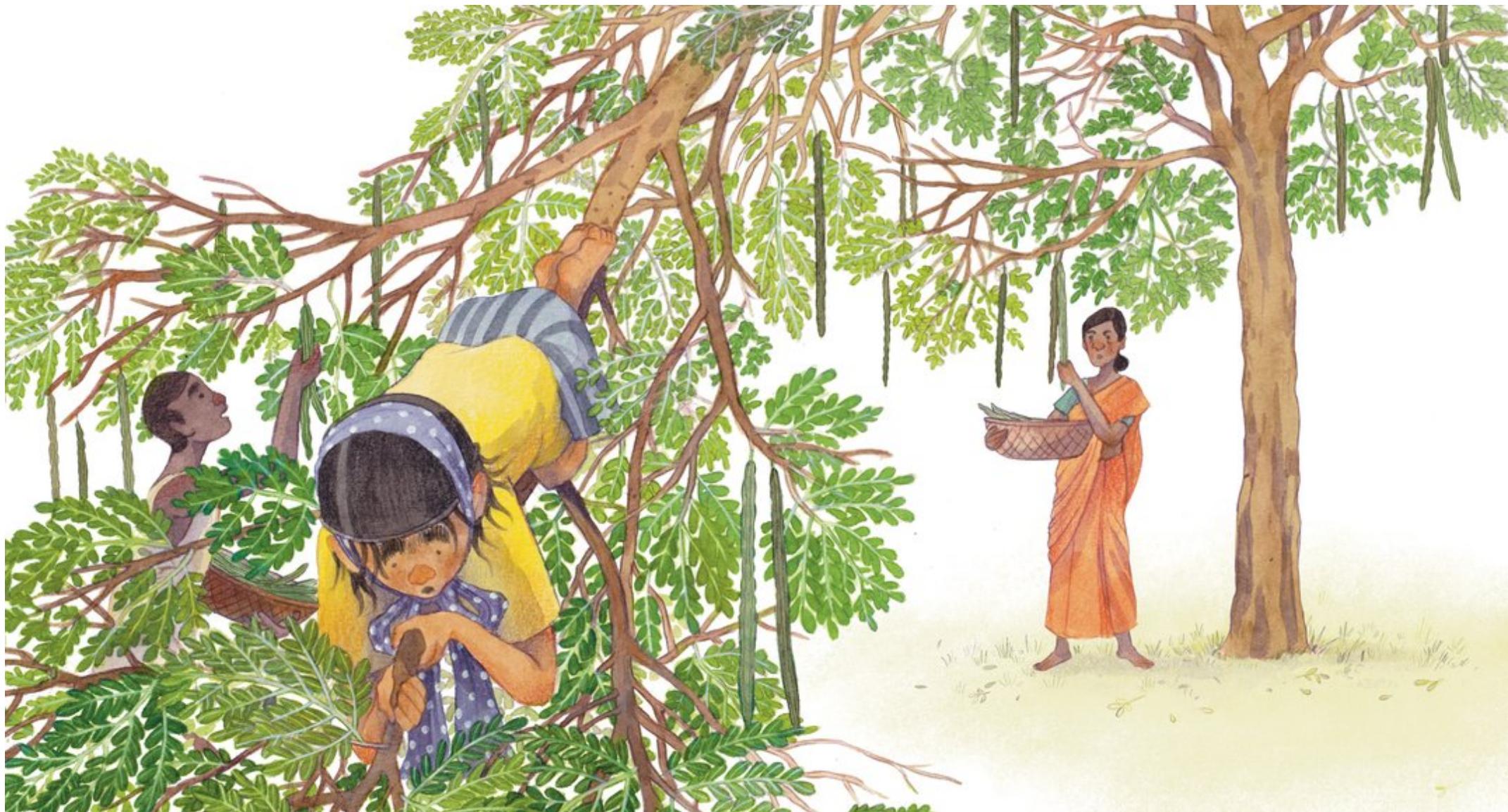


I want to climb a chinar tree.

In autumn, it glows with bright, red leaves, and becomes the best hiding place.  
But, in the winter, there are no leaves left to hide in.



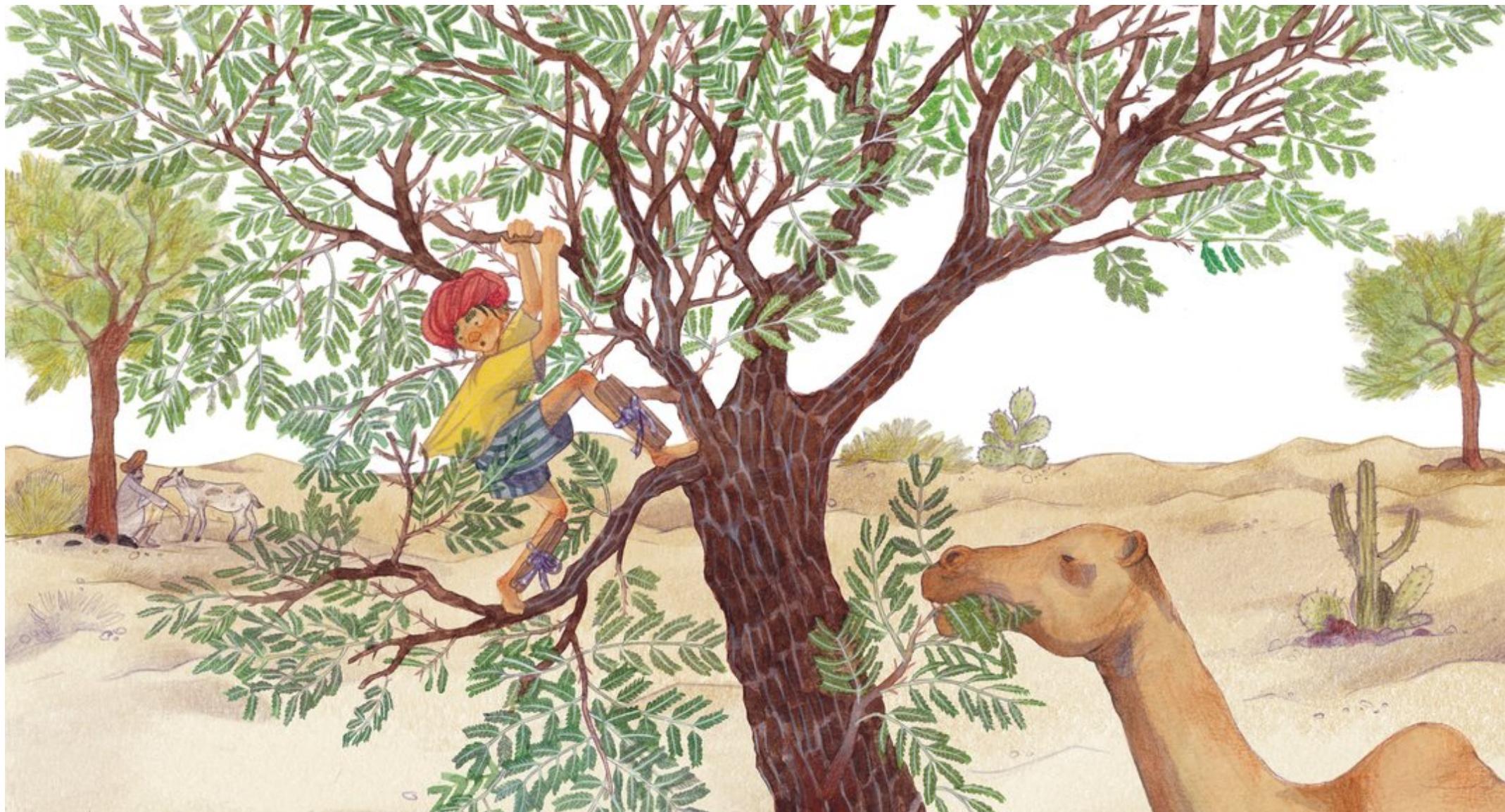
I want to climb a betelnut tree.  
Climbing would be easier if there were branches on the trunk.  
But I will take it as a challenge and hop, hop, hop to the top!



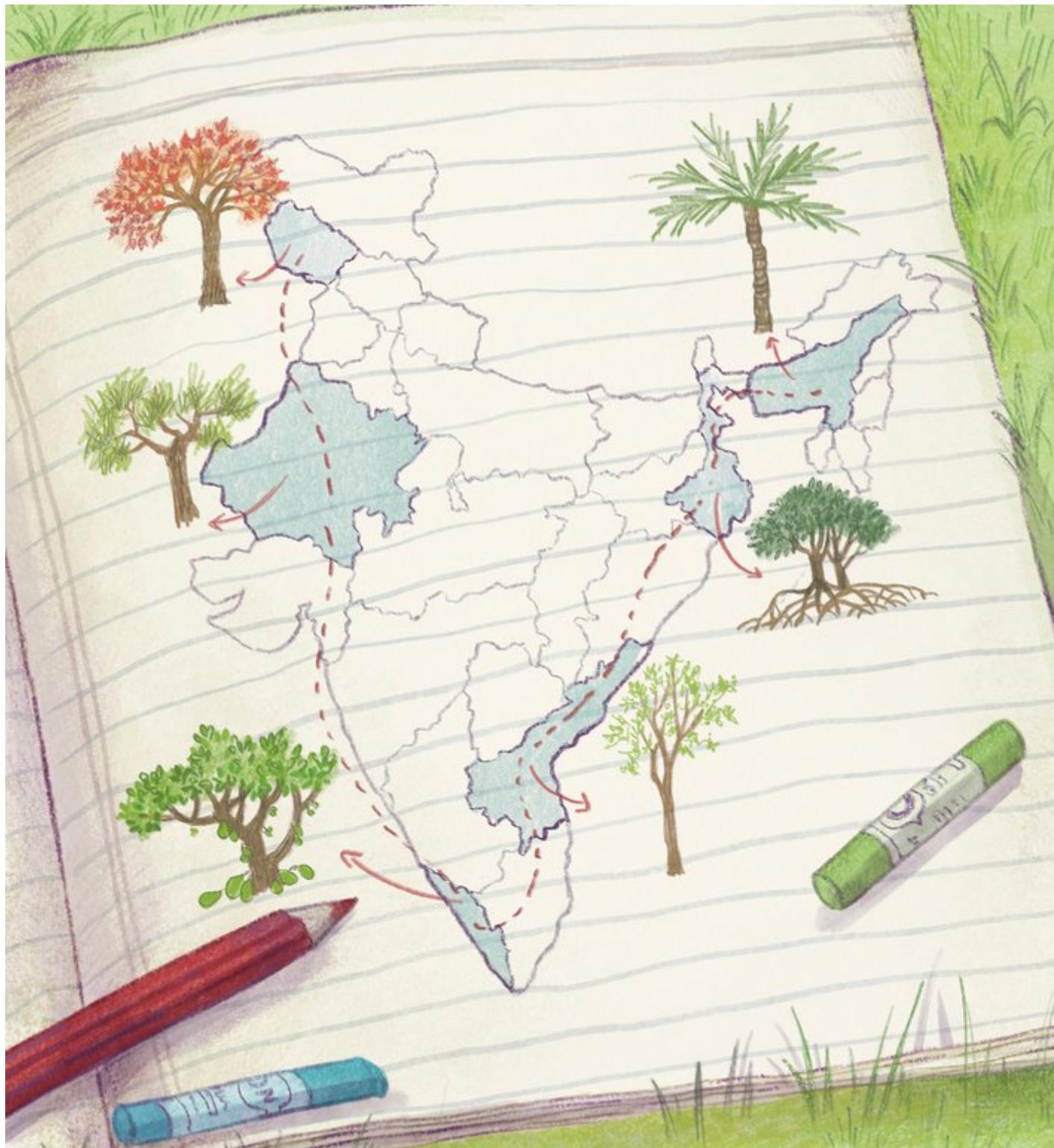
I want to climb a moringa tree.  
It looks easy to climb, at least to me.  
But the trunk is so thin that the higher I climb, the more it will bend downwards.



I want to climb a mangrove tree,  
with its spindly branches and giant, exposed roots.  
But to climb a mangrove tree, I will have to splash through muddy, crocodile-filled water first.



I want to climb a khejri tree.  
It would be tricky to climb the many thin, thorny branches.  
But I will twist and dodge and avoid getting pricked.



I can't wait to climb trees all across the country.

**Can you name the different trees in the pictures and mark them on the map?**

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# Have You Ever Climbed a Tree? (English)

Have you ever climbed a tree? Riniki dreams of climbing trees all over the country. Join her as she scrambles, crawls and clammers on the jackfruit, the chinar, the khejri and other trees.

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